

R430-90-22, R430-50-22. ANIMALS.

Licensed Family 90-22:

- (1) The licensee shall inform parents of the types of animals permitted on the premises.

Residential Certificate 50-22:

- (1) The certificate holder shall inform parents of the types of animals permitted on the premises.

Rationale / Explanation

The purpose of this rule is to ensure that parents are aware of any animals their child may come in contact with at the center. This is important because the risk of injury, infection, and aggravation from allergies due to contact between children and animals is significant. CFOC, pg. 111 Standard 3.042; pg. 335 Standard 8.005

Enforcement

Always Level 3D Noncompliance.

Licensed Family 90-22:

- (2) The licensee shall ensure that all animals on the premises and accessible to any child in care :
- (a) are clean and free of obvious disease or health problems that could adversely affect any child in care; and

Residential Certificate 50-22:

- (2) The certificate holder shall ensure that all animals on the premises and accessible to any child in care:
- (a) are clean and free of obvious disease or health problems that could adversely affect any child in care; and

Rationale / Explanation

Animals, including pets, can be a source of illness for people; likewise, people may be a source of illness for animals. The purpose of this rule is to prevent the spread of disease through contact with dirty or ill animals, and to prevent children from being bitten or otherwise injured by a sick animal. CFOC, pg. 112 Standard 3.044

Enforcement

Level 2B Noncompliance: If children have access to an animal with a disease that is transmissible to humans.

Level 3D Noncompliance otherwise.

Licensed Family 90-22:

- (b) have current vaccinations for all vaccine preventable diseases that are transmissible to humans. The licensee shall have documentation of the vaccinations.

Residential Certificate 50-22:

- (2) The certificate holder shall ensure that all animals on the premises and accessible to any child in care:
- (b) have current vaccinations for all vaccine preventable diseases that are transmissible to humans. The certificate holder shall have documentation of the vaccinations.

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Rationale / Explanation

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Enforcement

Licensors should look for documentation of rabies vaccinations to verify compliance with this rule.

If the provider indicates an animal has not been vaccinated, this rule should be cited. If the provider indicates an animal has been vaccinated, but they cannot find the record of it during an on-site visit, cite R430-90-9(1)(b) or R430-50-9(1)(b) only as being out of compliance. If the provider still does not have the required record(s) on the follow-up visit, cite this rule.

Always Level 1D Noncompliance.

Licensed Family 90-22:

- (3) The licensee shall ensure that there is no animal on the premises that has a history of dangerous, attacking, or aggressive behavior, or a history of biting even one person.

Residential Certificate 50-22:

- (3) The certificate holder shall ensure that there is no animal on the premises that has a history of dangerous, attacking, or aggressive behavior, or a history of biting even one person.

Rationale / Explanation

The purpose of this rule is to prevent injury to children by an aggressive animal. CFOC, pg. 112 Standard 3.043

Enforcement

Always Level 2B Noncompliance.

Licensed Family 90-22:

- (4) The licensee shall ensure that no child in care assists with the cleaning of animals or animal cages, pens, or equipment.

Residential Certificate 50-22:

- (4) The certificate holder shall ensure that no child in care assists with the cleaning of animals or animal cages, pens, or equipment.

Rationale / Explanation

Animals, including pets, can be a source of illness for people; likewise, people may be a source of illness for animals. A pet's food can also become contaminated by standing at room temperature. The purpose of this rule is to prevent the spread of disease to children from animal food or droppings. CFOC, pg. 112 Standard 3.044

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Always Level 3D Noncompliance.

Licensed Family 90-22:

- (5) The licensee shall ensure that there is no animal or animal equipment in food preparation or eating areas during food preparation or eating times.

Residential Certificate 50-22:

- (5) The certificate holder shall ensure that there is no animal or animal equipment in food preparation or eating areas during food preparation or eating times.

Rationale / Explanation

The presence of animals in food preparation or eating areas can increase the risk of contaminating food. CFOC, pg. 170 Standard 4.042

Enforcement

This rule does not prohibit fish bowls or tanks in food preparation or eating areas.

Always Level 3D Noncompliance.

Licensed Family 90-22:

- (6) The licensee shall ensure that no child in care handles reptiles or amphibians while in care.

Residential Certificate 50-22:

- (6) The certificate holder shall ensure that no child in care handles reptiles or amphibians while in care.

Rationale / Explanation

The purpose of this rule is to prevent the spread of salmonella. CFOC, pg. 112 Standard 3.043

Enforcement

Amphibians are cold-blooded animals that are able to live both on land and in water, for example: frogs and salamanders.

Reptiles are cold-blooded air-breathing animals covered with scales, for example: snakes, lizards, and turtles.

Always Level 2B Noncompliance.